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**Admiral Arleigh Burke**  
**Chief of Naval Operations**  
**Department of Defense**  
**Washington 25, D. C.**

**Dear Arleigh,**

**Thank you for the copy of your memorandum on Portugal of 31 March 1959. We agree that the political situation in Portugal presents both current and long range problems. We believe it pertinent, however, to make the following observations.**

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We are watching this situation and are in close contact with the State Department on all aspects of the problem.

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**Allen W. Dulles**  
**Director**

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Chief of Naval Operations  
Department of Defense  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Admiral Burke:

Many thanks for the copy of your memorandum of  
31 March 1959 on Portugal. We are generally in accord  
with its substance.

Sincerely yours,

C. P. Cabell  
General, USAF  
Acting Director

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